

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

Forest Conservation Act – Diversion of 2.2 ha of Forest land in Parikabanda RF of Medak division for Construction of New BG Railway line between Manoharabad to Kothapalli in favour of south Central Railways – Final **(Stage.II) approval** accorded – Orders – issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 25

Dated: 26-06-2021

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF (HoFF), T.S.,Hyd.Ref.No.12660/2017/FCA-3/PS,  
Dated: 15.11.2017.
2. State Govt. Lr.No.4861/For.I (1)/2017, 30.11.2017.
3. From GoI, MoEF & CC, Chennai, F.No.4-TSB114/2017-CHN/2049,  
dt.21.12.2017.
4. From the PCCF(HoFF), T.S. Hyd. Rc.No.12660/2017/FCA-4,  
Dt:02.12.2020.
- 5.Govt. Letter. No.4861/For.I(1)/2019, Dated:20.01.2021.
- 6.From the Regional Officer, GoI, MoEF&CC, Hyderabad, F.No.4-  
TSB 114/2017-CHN/273, Dt.16.03.2021.

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O R D E R

In the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 2.2 ha of Forest land in Parikabanda RF of Medak division for Construction of New BG Railway line between Manoharabad to Kothapalli in favour of south Central Railway.

2. In the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the proposal in para-1 above was forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Chennai for granting approval under section -2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GoI, Chennai have conveyed Central Government's in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 5<sup>th</sup> read above, the State Government have sent the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, T.S., Hyderabad in her letter 4<sup>th</sup> read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad for according necessary approval.

5. In the letter 6<sup>th</sup> read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal in para-1 above, under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby accord **final (Stage-II)** approval for diversion of 2.2 ha of Forest land in Parikabanda RF of Medak division for Construction of New BG Railway line between Manoharabad to Kothapalli in favour of south Central Railway, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

- i. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
- ii. The State Forest Department shall carry out demarcation of the proposed forest area by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;

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- iii. The Compensatory Afforestation(CA) shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over **4.4 ha** of identified degraded forest land in Compt.no.183 of Parikbanda-I RF Manoharabad Beat, Manoharabad Section, Toopran Range from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- iv. Approved CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Govt. of India;
- v. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
- vi. State Forest Department shall construct a minimum of four water troughs on either side of the proposed track at different locations, to provide water to the wild animals and to prevent them from crossing across the railway track from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- vii. No station/halt should be commissioned in the forest area. The railways should look for alternative technical options;
- viii. Pre-fabricated structures should be used to the maximum possible extent to reduce the extent of disturbance in the habitat;
- ix. The debris/earth excavated during the track laying work should be disposed and reused suitably so that the natural drainage of the area is not blocked. Materials to be used for construction of new tracks should be brought from outside the forest area;
- x. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible;
- xi. Trees/Bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled/cleared strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
- xii. The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only wherever it is unavoidable. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- xiii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work and as far as possible work shall be taken up only during day time.
- xiv. User Agency shall construct enough number of under passes/ bridges for continuance of wild life corridors on either side of railway track at the project cost. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- xv. In case of any steep slope arising out along the alignment, the slope should be reduced to facilitate movement of wild animals, especially heavy bodied and slow moving animals.
- xvi. Soil Conservation Measures to be taken by the State Forest Department from the amount already been realized from the User Agency, to reduce silt load in the run-off to avoid negative impact on the water bodies;

- xvii. Traffic on the proposed track shall be controlled to minimize the chances of wildlife hits. Speed limit for the train shall be decided by the railway authorities in consultation with the CWLW as per terrain and presence of wildlife etc. Moreover, railway authorities shall abide by any restrictions on speed imposed by the State Forest Department as per the orders of the Honourable Supreme Court of India;
  - xviii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
  - xix. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
  - xx. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **2.2 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
  - xxi. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
  - xxii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the railway line projects;
  - xxiii. Any other condition that the Deputy Director General of Forest/Regional Officer(Central), Integrated Regional Office, Hyderabad may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
  - xxiv. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency/State Government is liable for penal action as per the provisions made under FCA, 1980.
7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana State, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

A.SANTHI KUMARI,  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Telangana State, Hyderabad.

**Copy to:**

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Integrated Regional Office Aranya Bhavan,  
Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN-500004 .

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